

## Message Text

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EO 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: PINS PEPR LA US  
SUBJECT: REPORTED AMERICAN CITIZEN PRESENCE IN ANTI-LPDR  
RESISTANCE

REF: VIENTIANE 0301, BANGKOK 3318

1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO DIRECT CONFIRMATION, WE ASSUME AMERICAN  
AUTHOR OF ARTICLES ON LAO RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN ASIAWEEK  
(REF A) IS ROBERT SCHWAB, AN AMERICAN RESIDENT OF THAILAND.  
SCHWAB IS THE AMERICAN REFERRED TO IN REF B.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SCHWAB ENTERED LAOS ILLEGALLY FROM  
JAN 13 TO JAN 29, 1978, TO PARTICIPATE IN LAO RESISTANCE  
ACTIVITIES. SCHWAB APPARENTLY HAD A FIRM ARRANGEMENT WITH ABC,  
AND ABC POSSIBLY PAID HIS EXPENSES. NO MAJOR ENGAGEMENTS OCCURRED  
DURING HIS SOJOURN, AND HIS SLIDES WERE APPARENTLY SO BLAND THAT  
ABC MAY NOT USE THEM. AS DEPARTMENT IS ALSO AWARE, EMBASSY LEARNED  
OF SCHWAB'S ACTIVITIES ONLY ON FEB 12, 1978, AND WE TOLD  
SCHWAB WE STRONGLY DISAPPROVED OF HIS ILLEGAL ENTRY AND ACTIVITIES  
IN LAOS.

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3. WE WILL DISCUSS SCHWAB'S ACTIVITIES, AS FAR AS WE KNOW THEM,  
WITH CHARGE ROBERTS DURING HIS VISIT LATER THIS WEEK TO  
BANGKOK.  
WHITEHOUSE

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